

servants and leaders she has mentored and molded.

Through her new position with the House, she will train many more public servants throughout the United States.

I am proud to rise today to recognize Jessica Mier, and to thank her for her outstanding contributions to the lives of our fellow San Diegans.

CELEBRATING PROFESSOR EDMUND W. GORDON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. STEVEN HORSFORD

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 14, 2021*

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Professor Edmund W. Gordon, who was born on June 13, 1921. Professor Gordon is an extraordinary professor of psychology whose career work has heavily influenced contemporary thinking in psychology, education, and social policy. Professor Gordon's research and initiatives have focused on the positive development of under-served children of color, including advancing the concept of the "achievement gap."

Professor Gordon grew up in a highly segregated area of North Carolina to parents who encouraged the importance of schooling. He received both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Howard University, and went on to pursue a PhD in psychology at the Teacher's College at Columbia University.

In 1956, after working with mentor and friend W.E.B. DuBois, Professor Gordon was commissioned by President Lyndon B. Johnson to help design the Head Start Program, aimed at providing early childhood education and family services to under-resourced families. After six months working on Head Start, Professor Gordon and his team had built a program to serve nearly half a million children. Professor Gordon also conducted research that would later be used to prove to the Supreme Court that school segregation had harmful effects on children. Professor Gordon strongly advocated the importance of understanding the learner's frame of reference in the development of education action plans.

Professor Gordon is the John M. Musser Professor of Psychology, Emeritus at Yale University, Richard March Hoe Professor, Emeritus of Psychology and Education and Founding Director of The Edmund W. Gordon Institute of Urban and Minority Education (IUME) at Teachers College, Columbia University.

From July 2000 until August 2001, Professor Gordon was Vice President of Academic Affairs and Interim Dean at Teachers College, Columbia University. Professor Gordon has held appointments at several of the nation's leading universities including Howard, Yeshiva, Columbia, City University of New York, Yale, and the Educational Testing Service. He has served as visiting professor at City College of New York and Harvard.

Currently, Professor Gordon is the Senior Scholar and Advisor to the President of the College Board where he developed and co-chaired the Taskforce on Minority High Achievement.

As a clinician and researcher, Professor Gordon explored divergent learning styles and advocated for supplemental education long before most scholars had recognized the existence and importance of those ideas. From 2011 to 2013, Professor Gordon organized and mentored the Gordon Commission, bringing together scholars to research and report on the Future of Assessment for Education.

Professor Gordon has authored 18 books and more than 200 articles on the achievement gap, affirmative development of academic ability, and supplementary education. He has been elected a Fellow of many prestigious organizations, including the American Academy of Arts & Science, and has been named one of America's most prolific and thoughtful scholars.

Today, Professor Gordon still pays close attention to the state of education, and has stated that he would love to be able to change national education policy "to get a more equal focus on out-of-school and in-school learning."

On April 12, 2021, Professor Gordon was appointed as the first ever Honorary President of the American Educational Research Association.

I wish Professor Edmund W. Gordon the very best as he and his family celebrate his 100th birthday.

HONORING TURNER CHAPEL AME CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 14, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable church, Turner Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1890, Rev. C.E. Jones, four men and two women decided that there should be an A.M.E. Church in Greenwood, Mississippi. Led by the Spirit of God, they began to worship under a brush harbor somewhere in the vicinity of what is now the Greenwood Post Office. During the next few years, the church began to increase in membership, and they decided that a building was needed. One of the members came up with the idea of utilizing a dwelling house which was eventually purchased. Rev. Jones and the members decided to name the church Turner Chapel for Bishop Henry McNeil Turner, Presiding Prelate, who was elected and consecrated the fifteenth Bishop of the Connectional A.M.E. Church.

There were many leaders of the church but possibly one of the most memorable was Rev. D.L. Tucker. Under Rev. D.L. Tucker's administration, a new spirit seemed to have risen. Pews were purchased, and the pulpit was redesigned with divided chancellor rails. Many new members were added to Turner Chapel Church's roll. Rev. Tucker served as pastor during the height of the civil rights era. During his time as pastor, he became the first president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in the Mississippi Delta. He organized voter registration drives and often had rallies at Turner Chapel.

Rev. Tucker was the first person in Leflore County, MS to pass the literacy test to vote. After that accomplishment, while he was

Marching with supporters, dogs were put on them by law enforcement to deter their desire to vote. Rev. Tucker walks with a limp today because of that attack. This incident spurred Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to write President John Kennedy to send protection to Mississippi for Blacks. As a comrade of Medgar Evers, Rev. Tucker spoke with him before he was assassinated in Jackson, MS by Byron DeLa Beckwith in 1963. Just as he was getting things together for the church and the citizens of Greenwood, he received a call in the middle of the night in which the voice on the other end said, "We just killed that N---Medgar Evers; you will be next." His life was subsequently threatened; due to death threats from the Ku Klux Klan, the A.M.E. Church moved him to a church in Bermuda. Rev. Tucker returned to Mississippi in 1914 and is recognized in the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum for his contributions to the movement. Many of the future leaders of the church continued in Rev. Tucker's footsteps by being advocates for civil rights.

Turner Chapel is blessed to have Rev. Dr. Alice H. Crenshaw as their pastor. The visions she brought to the church are exceptional. Rev. Crenshaw brought back life to the church because now they have bible study once again and prayer meetings. She has gotten more members involved, especially men with the business of the church. Three months after Rev. Crenshaw's arrival, the pandemic happened, and everything shut down. However, even the pandemic did not stop her from pastoring. She instilled in the members to continue having their regular programs, official board meetings, bible study, even in the pandemic, over Zoom meetings. In April of 2020, she was able to get food distribution into the Greenwood community in which the church has drive-by pick-up of food boxes for those in need. In December 2020, she was able to get a contract with a vendor. Now Turner Chapel is one of the largest sites of food box distribution to area churches, the Greenwood community, throughout Leflore County and beyond. Rev. Crenshaw's vision includes helping the church get an adult daycare center, as well as acquiring the property adjacent to the church for an Elderly Independent group home.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Turner Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church for its longevity and dedication to serving the community.

COMMEMORATING THE 246TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 14, 2021*

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 246th birthday of the founding of the United States Army.

The U.S. Army was founded on June 14, 1775 in Philadelphia at the height of the Revolutionary War. The Army is the eldest branch of the U.S. military and answers at a moment's notice when the country needs it most—from the Revolutionary War, World War II, the Vietnam War, and most recently the battle against the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, we honor the legacy of the brave men

and women who served and are currently serving to protect our country and preserve our way of life.

Answering the call to duty is not an easy one, but it is one that is worth it. 90,000 soldiers and their family members call the El Paso Area home through Fort Bliss presence in our community. Fort Bliss is vital to the Army's readiness because it trains and mobilizes soldiers to perform global operations in support of our national military strategy. I, and the rest of the El Paso community, are appreciative of the Army and Fort Bliss' service to our country and are grateful for each soldier and their family's sacrifices, service, and leadership.

On this day, I recognize the Army's 246th birthday.

CONGRATULATING THE 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MR. AND MRS. FRED IVERS

**HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 14, 2021*

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 70th wedding anniversary of Lewisville, Arkansas, natives, Fred and Christine Ivers. Mr. and Mrs. Ivers exhibit strong values of family, commitment, and sacrifice which set them apart as an example in their community.

After meeting at ages 21 and 17, the couple dated for a little over a year before getting married on May 26, 1951. As newlyweds, they faced many obstacles together, but they soon became the proud parents of four children—three boys and one girl. Mr. and Mrs. Ivers raised their children in church and always lived by their motto: "those who pray together, stay together."

The couple believes the secret to their 70 years of marriage is keeping God first. Family is very important to the Ivers, and their children attest to this. In the words of their oldest son, "They set such a tremendous example for myself and my siblings and lived their lives to the fullest".

I take this time today to celebrate Mr. and Mrs. Ivers for the example they have set for generations of Fourth District Arkansans and to congratulate them on 70 years together. May we always look to them as the picture of true love, commitment, and selflessness.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OTIS MAXWELL JAMES, JR. AND SUE ANN WILKINS JAMES

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 14, 2021*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th wedding anniversary of Otis Maxwell James, Jr. and Sue Ann Wilkins James who were married on June 6, 1971.

I recognize this 50th Anniversary on behalf of Manu and Cassidy Sharma.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the James and wishing them a happy 50th wedding anniversary.

HONORING TRIPLE C SCREEN PRINTING

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 14, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a prosperous family business, Triple C Screen Printing.

From humble beginnings, Triple C began in 1985 as a t-shirt printing store in Shaw, MS. The name coming from the founder, Clifton William's three children, Clifton Jr., Clinton and Celena. Clinton Williams is currently the Owner/President and CEO of the store.

Clifton Williams, Sr. was originally a school-teacher for 25 years and recently passed away in January 2021. He also had a barbershop in the same building where Triple C was originally located. As the business started to grow, he thought it would make sense to move to Cleveland, MS. When Clinton graduated from Mississippi Valley State University and took an active role in the business, he realized that customers needed to have more control and choice instead of just presenting them with available designs. Today, the customer will tell him what they're looking for, and he designs it, produce a model and does the printing.

The majority of Triple C Screen Printing clients are individuals and small businesses throughout the Mississippi Delta. Triple C loyal patrons includes West Bolivar, who has been a client since 1989, churches, other businesses and individuals. One of Triple C's best and biggest customers every two years is myself. It has been through this connection that, last year Triple C was able to add a major new and national client. They would not be here today or have lasted this long without their clients.

Thankfully, Triple C is back to being steady again amid COVID-19.

Clint's daughter, Justice, also works at their printing store with him. She came to work for him after she graduated from Mississippi State University where she majored in Graphic Design, just as he did and minored in sales and marketing. She plans to keep the family business tradition alive—she plans to run the business one day. His wife, Shonda, is a nurse practitioner at Delta Health Center in Mound Bayou. They celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary this year.

Clinton is proud and honored to canyon his dad's legacy with his daughter by his side. This story began when one day Mr. Clifton Williams decided to design a t-shirt for a Jackson State University versus MS Valley State. He taught himself how to do printing with no internet, no YouTube tutorials, no classes—just set his mind to it and consequently, started a new business venture and career. That's how Triple C Screen Printing came to be through his dad's hard work and dreams.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Triple C Screen Printing for their dedication to serving the community, state and Nation.

HONORING DR. LUIS CARLOS MOLL

**HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 14, 2021*

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Luis Carlos Moll, Professor Emeritus at the University of Arizona, for his election to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (The Academy.) The Academy was created in 1780 and serves to honor leaders in various fields. Previously elected members include Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, Martin Luther King, Charles Darwin, and Dr. Fauci. This year, new members include Dr. Sanjay Gupta, Maria Hinojosa, and Oprah Winfrey. The Academy also includes an "Education" section, to which Dr. Moll has been elected in 2021.

Born in Santurce, Puerto Rico, Dr. Moll remembers his early experiences with school as extremely difficult. At the age of 15 he moved to Los Angeles with his mother and grandmother. Later in life he would often begin one of his prodigious talks by recollecting this move from his native Puerto Rico and would famously say, "As soon as I stepped onto U.S. soil, I became a minority." His profound ability to recognize social inequity are emblematic of his enduring concern for deeply understanding the circumstances that shape lives and how these can impact educational futures. He joined the U.S. Army in 1966 and served for three years, including six months in Vietnam. After his military service he returned to study at Cal Poly, graduating with a B.S. in 1972. He went on to earn a master's degree in psychiatric social work from the University of Southern California. During his studies at USC he worked with Latino families at an East Los Angeles mental health clinic. He enjoyed the work, and later applied to the doctoral program in educational psychology at UCLA. Prior to his earning his PhD, Dr. Moll completed a PreDoctoral Fellowship at the Institute for Comparative Human Development at Rockefeller University in New York. In 1986, Dr. Moll joined the faculty of Language, Reading and Culture at the University of Arizona (VA).

Dr. Moll has dedicated his career to the study of language acquisition and bilingual education, primarily in Latino students in the United States. His scholarship attests the value of transdisciplinarity, as his main research interest is the connection among culture, psychology, and education, especially as it relates to the education of Latino children in the U.S. Among other studies, he has analyzed the quality of classroom teaching, examined literacy instruction in English and Spanish, studied how knowledge is produced in the broader social contexts of household and community life, and, in collaboration with teachers, attempted to establish pedagogical relationships among these domains of study. He has focused much of his work on the application of Vygotskian theory to understand the processes of language acquisition and learning in general for Latino children in the U.S. Furthermore, Dr. Moll is highly recognized for the development of the "Funds of Knowledge" theory, in collaboration with colleagues at the University of Arizona. His extensive work has a central theme: educators must uncover and